The Sahara Desert is the largest non-arctic desert in the world. The Sahara desert is technically the third largest desert in the world; it is over 3,000 square miles long and wide. If it was possible you could put the USA and the desert together the would be relevantly the same size. The desert is close to about 3 million years old it was also calculated that it is about (538.ft). The deserts boundaries are the red sea and the Niger River on the south, the Atlantics Ocean on the west and the sea on the east